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Mayor Shelly Petrolia and
Delray Beach City Commissioners
Delray Beach City Hall
100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear Mayor Petrolia and City Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to re-visit our request for the temporary use of the Veterans Park parking lot to help expedite construction of Atlantic Crossing Phase II. The use of this area for construction staging and truck access will accelerate the construction schedule, providing significant city tax revenue sooner and minimizing the intermittent closure of other area streets including Atlantic Avenue and north bound Federal Highway.

With this revised proposal Veterans Park parking will be provided in a new parking lot located at the North end of the park. We have worked with Directors Gianniotis, Barletto and Metott on the design of this lot and addressed their requests. The Edwards Companies will design, construct, and pay for this new lot which offers these benefits:

- Parking located adjacent to the remaining automobile access point freeing up the west side of the park for additional green space
- Sidewalk access from the parking lot to the seawall allowing for direct access to the intracoastal walkway
- Access to the north entry of the park building directly from the lot
- A turnaround and drop off area for the park building
- Relocated dumpster from Atlantic Avenue to a concealed location in the new lot
- Improved sidewalk/pathway from the parking lot through the park to Atlantic Avenue

In exchange for this significant private investment in the park we would ask that the City fund the balance of park improvements pursuant to a plan to be developed.

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The proposed schedule is as follows:

January 2024: Parking lot design completed; Agreements executed

March 2024: Parking lot building permit issued; begin construction

August 2024: Complete parking lot construction; close east parking aisle for construction staging area

As stated, we believe the construction utilization of the western portion of Veterans Park is the most efficient and least disruptive way of completing Atlantic Crossing. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a series of horizontal strokes.

Don DeVere,
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